MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 27-8-1937.

(*b*) 21-9-1937. Action for the acquisition of lands has been taken and the appointment of temporary staff for the execution of work ordered. Tenders have been invited, but the contract has not been settled as the question of using treated timber for the bridge is under correspondence with the Director of Development.

(*c*) (i) Constructing a bridge across the spillway.
(ii) Opening an outlet channel.
(iii) Constructing groynes.
(iv) Widening canals and rivers leading to the spillway.

Collection of tolls by Government.

239. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of P W. D main toll gates and the sub-toll gates in the State; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the question of conducting the collection of tolls by their employees without giving the right of collection to private agencies, and, if so, the result of the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 27 main toll gates and 55 sub-toll gates.

(*b*) No.

Collections from Tourists.

240. ***MR. M. G. MATTHEW** (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount if any paid by the Companies of tourists or by their agents on their behalf to the Government;

(*b*) whether the tourists contemplated in the above part were treated as State Guests in Travancore; and

(*c*) if so, the amount spent by the Government on these tourists?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Sr. Rs. 14,835-4-13.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know to which account these amounts have been credited?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The item under which it has been credited is not available with me now.

PRESIDENT: The Financial Secretary may supply that information if it is in his possession.

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Under the State Guests Department.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know for what purpose those amounts have been received.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN When a tourist party arrives, an estimate is made for the probable expenditure including travelling, catering, guides, etc. A bill is presented and they pay the money.

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